

Our Lady of Grace & St Edward's Chiswick & St Dunstan's Gunnersbury with St Joseph's Grove Park

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22nd OCTOBER 2023

29th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Fr Daniel writes.

This Sunday at the 11am Mass Sr Natalia of the Comboni Sisters will renew her vows to celebrate the 50th anniversary of her Profession as a Missionary Sister. The work of the Comboni Sisters, the PIMEs, the Little Company of Mary and the Spiritans is well known to us because we are blessed to have members of these congregations in our parish. The work of Christian missionaries is very simple, they shared their faith, they shared the love of Jesus Christ with the world. It is thanks to their efforts, the work of the Holy Spirit and the receptiveness of those whom they shared with, that the Catholic faith spread. There is a danger that we can believe that missionary work applies only abroad when in fact we are all called to be missionaries, to evangelise those around us, to share our faith and the love of Christ with our world. This task is even more important given the recent tragic events and the hatred this has stirred up on all sides. When faced with such atrocities, when we are wounded in such a grievous way, our first instinct is to seek revenge, to strike back at those who wounded us. However, as Jesus warns his disciples in the Garden of Gethsemane, "...all who draw the sword will die by the sword." (Matt 26:53) Our mission is to show the world that there is alternative, that we can respond with love instead of violence. We share our faith by our lives: by loving our neighbour who makes our life a misery; by forgiving our colleague who used us to get a promotion; by blessing those who curse us; by helping those less fortunate than ourselves. The missionaries who evangelised the globe lived out their faith, they practiced what they preached, they followed Jesus' example, and the result was the conversion of entire nations, because the people saw something radically different to the hatred and violence that is humanity's default position, they saw the love of Christ in action! As Pope Francis points out, "Christians have the duty to announce [the Gospel] without excluding anyone, not as one who imposes a new obligation, but as one who shares a joy, signals a beautiful horizon ... " Misson Sunday is time when we rightly pray for all the missionaries of our Church and the wonderful work they continue to do. It is also a time when we remind ourselves of the 'missio ad gentes', the mission the Risen Lord entrusted to the whole Church, to evangelise all peoples, even to the ends of the earth. This is a mission we can achieve in our homes, our schools, our places of work, on the streets, in the shops, and in our daily lives, by living as Christ asks us too, by bringing his love to bear on our world in whatever way we can. This can be in a big way or a small way, what matters is that in some way we make Jesus' love known in our world. For as Pope Francis observes, "all of us can contribute to this missionary movement: with our prayers and activities, with material offerings and the offering of our sufferings, and with our personal witness." We pray for the courage to share our faith, and be the missionaries our world so desperately needs.

29th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME			
Sat 21/10	Vigil Mass		
6.30pm	-	Dr. John Robinson	ANN
6.30pm	Grove Park	Elias Baroud	ANN
Sun 22/10	29 th Sunday		
8.30am	in OT	Toby Sweeney	RD
9.45am		Branislava Highgate	RIP
10.00am	Gunnersbury	People of the Parish	INT
11.00am		Fergus Walshe	RD
12.15pm		Cyprian Uchendu – Birthday	RIP
6.30pm		Tina & Michael Maher	INT
Mon 23/10	FERIA		
10.00am		Irene Cava	ANN
Tue 24/10	FERIA		
10.00am		Joseph Goggin	ANN
Wed 25/10	FERIA		
10.00am		Tom O'Donnell – Birthday	RIP
6.00pm		Reception of Cecil Pocock	RIP
6.00pm	Comboni Covent	Sr. Hayat Naguib	RD
Thur 26/10	FERIA		
10.00am		Margaret Cooney	INT
12 Noon		Funeral of Cecil Pocock	RIP
Fri 27/10	FERIA		
10.00am		Margaret & Peter Boyle	ANN
6.00pm	PIME Convent	Sr. Philip	INT
Sat 28/10	SS SIMON &		
10.00am	JUDE	Pat Cronin	ANN
11.00am		Confession	
5.00pm		Confession	
6.30pm	0	Bridget Tuffy	ANN
6.30pm	Grove Park	Ursula P.V. Tustain	RIP

For those who are sick: Sandra Bocca, Alex Tuffy, Cecilia Walsgrove, Claudio Bogi, Mary Frain, William Francis Ryan, Celine Duignon, Andy Cronin, Jim Ward, Fr. Eamon Conarty, Mary Casser, Tina Byrne, Greta Gribben, Senhora Vitalia and those suffering.

For the recently deceased: Cecil Pocock, Helena Duckett, Richard Louis, Mary Callaghan, Jack Holden and Marion Sutton. May they Rest in Peace.

For those whose anniversaries are at this time: Dr.John Robinson, Elias Baroud, Irene Cava, Joseph Goggin, Margaret & Peter Boyle, Pat Cronin, Bridget Tuffy . May they Rest in Peace.

THIS WEEKEND'S SCRIPTURE READINGS, Mass Book p. 143 1st Reading: Isaiah 45:1, 4-6 Psalm: 95: 1, 3-5, 7-10 2nd Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1: 1-5 Gospel: Matthew 22: 15-21 NEXT WEEKEND'S SCRIPTURE READINGS, Mass Book p. 146 1st Reading: Exodus 22: 20-26 Psalm: 17:2-4, 47, 51 2nd Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1: 5-10 Gospel: Matthew 22:34-40

CATHOLIC UNIVERSE WEEKLY – Five copies a week at the back of church. £3.50 per copy with cash to the the 'Catholic Papers' box.

REPOSITORY – On sale now and NEWLY STOCKED with Christmas Cards, Advent Calendars and Year Diaries as well as sympathy cards, candles and rosaries etc. If any parishioners would like a crib for Christmas, please see Anne or Eddie as this year cribs will only be available to order with a 50% deposit taken for each order **by 5th November at the latest**. The Repository is open after all Sunday morning. Pop in and see us.

CATHOLIC TRUTH SOCIETY (CTS) BOOKLETS/LEAFLETS – Please put the money for these purchases in the brown collection box marked 'CTS' at the back of the church.

CLOCKS GO BACK NEXT SUNDAY 29th October – Remember that at 2.00am on Sunday 29th October the clocks go back one hour, so we have an hour's extra rest! Please don't come an hour early!

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY - Thank you to all who supported the CAFOD Family Fast Day recently. An additional £77 was donated by Chiswick bringing the total to £1061.46 and £252.01 by Grove Park, totalling £1313.47. Cheques will be sent off. Thank you!

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY TODAY – This is celebrated in every Catholic parish around the world today! It supports missionaries who work alongside communities that are poor or in need, regardless of their background or belief. By supporting Missio, the Pope's charity for world mission, you will help missionaries in situations of extreme poverty and injustice. Please pray for the mission of the Church and give if you can to this important collection for the Church's future.

SR NATALIA'S GOLDEN JUBILEE on Mission Sunday TODAY! Parishioners are invited to join the Comboni Sisters celebrating Sr Natalia's 50th Anniversary of Profession. At 3.00pm in the Parish Centre there'll be **a free concert** starring her international concert pianist nephew and grandnephew! A reception will follow at 4.00pm.

YOUTH CONFIRMATION – Registration forms are now online via the parish website <u>http://www.ourladyofgracechiswick.org</u> for parish children who will be 14 years old at least at the time of their Confirmation in summer 2024. The closing date to register for Confirmation is Friday 5th January 2024 with the Introductory talk on the 14th January 2024

ADULT CONFIRMATIONS & RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) or THINKING ABOUT CATHOLICISM? – If you know of anyone who is considering becoming a Catholic or if a Catholic has missed out on any of the sacraments, the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is the course to follow. It will be on Weds at 7.00pm from Nov 2023 to May 2024. To register or express interest please contact the Parish Office: chiswick@rcdow.org.uk 020 8994 2877

YOUNG ADULTS GROUP – Those aged 18-35 are welcome to join the weekly social gathering of young adults in our parish. Next Sunday evening 29th Oct we have a Q&A session with the priests of the parish after Mass in the St Edward's Room from c7.15 to 8.15pm. See: <u>https://www.ourladyofgracechiswick.org/young-adults</u>

PRIMARY SCHOOL APPLICATIONS 2023. To obtain a Certificate of Catholic Practice (CCP) you should **firstly** contact the Parish Office to request an appointment and collect a self-assessment form (which can also be sent electronically). You should **secondly** complete the self-assessment form and bring it to your appointment with Canon Michael. You should not bring blank CCPs from schools. If you are a Catholic but not a *practising* Catholic, it will be impossible to issue a CCP as it is *certifying* actual Catholic practice of *habitually attending weekly Sunday Mass and Holy Days of Obligation* over several years. It is also *perfectly feasible* to submit an application to a Catholic school *without* a CCP. Phone/email for a 10-minute slot. Current availability is **Weds 25th Oct 3.00-5.20pm**

CENTERING PRAYER (CP) – The group is convening weekly via Zoom at 7.00pm with the next session Tuesday 24th Oct. For more info Contact: John O'Brien: 07747611616 or john@jobrien.co.uk

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION at 9.45am Family Sunday Mass – With a shortage of volunteers for this Mass if you feel you might be called to this ministry both to the Lord and to His People, please speak to one of the priests.

ALL SAINTS & ALL SOULS DAY - All Saints, Weds 1st Nov (a Holy Day of Obligation) Masses at 10.00am (with St Mary's Primary School joining the congregation), 12.30pm and 7.30pm. On All Souls, Thurs 2nd Nov, Masses at 10.00am, 12.30pm and 7.30pm.

THE ANNUAL BEREAVEMENT MASS when we especially welcome those who have been bereaved since last November is at **6.30pm Saturday 4th November.** As usual the names of the deceased will be read out, candles will be lit in memory of them, and Mass will be offered both for them and for those who mourn them. Recently bereaved or not, of course, all are welcome to the Mass. Tea and coffee served afterwards in the St Edward's Room.

NOVEMBER'S BLESSINGS OF THE GRAVES – The annual Blessings of the Graves in local cemeteries next month in the Month of the Holy Souls will be: 3.00pm Sunday 5th November in Chiswick New Cemetery; and 3.00pm Sunday 19th November in Gunnersbury Cemetery. (Warm, windproof and waterproof clothing is recommended; also portable chairs recommended for the elderly.) Details of all Blessings of Graves in Hounslow Deanery during November are on the noticeboard at the back of church.

ST. DUNSTAN'S GUNNERSBURY NOTES

COFFEE MORNING NEXT SUNDAY 29th Oct to thank Fr Janos - As announced there'll be a coffee morning in the presbytery after the 10.00am Sunday Mass to thank Fr Janos as he moves to his new residence for supporting the parish with the celebration of Mass and much more for the last twelve years. Please book the date.

NOVEMBER BEING THE MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS the 'November Dead Lists' will be available next weekend ready for the month when one parish Mass daily will be offered for the Holy Souls.

EVENTS AT THE CATHOLIC CENTRE:-

1. **The Tulsa Time Band**. We're pleased to welcome back to the Catholic Centre; the only British Tribute Band performing the music of Don Williams, with songs from his extensive back catalogue including 'You're My Best Friend' and of course, 'Tulsa Time'! Saturday 4th November, 7pm at The Catholic Centre, 2 Dukes Avenue. Tickets £12 each, available from the Parish Centre office or lounge bar, or online via Eventbrite <u>www.bit.ly/3OoVh99</u>

2.The Scene. DJ & VJ set – "Music & Movies to Move You". The Chiswick Catholic Centre, 2 Dukes Avenue, 7.30pm 'til 11pm. The only place in London to hear and see music & movies together from the 1940s -1990's with a varied spectrum of genres + some subliminal moments of the future. Price: £5 cash on the door. Reasonable prices at the bar. Next gig Friday 3rd Nov. Info: <u>contact.thescene@gmail.com</u> Follow us for future events: <u>www.facebook.com/groups/thescenemusicgroup</u> Instagrm: the.scene.musicandmovies

3.'REMEMBRANCE' A miscellany of readings, letters and poems commemorating and remembering those affected by wars around the world, by Persever Productions. **Sunday 12th November, 7.30pm,** Chiswick Catholic Centre, 2 Dukes Avenue. Part of Persever's programme of monthly events. Persever Productions CIO is a registered charity (no: 1201022), supporting actors.

HOME INSTEAD AFTERNOON TEA - Local care company Home Instead Hammersmith & Chiswick invite all local seniors to join them at their complimentary afternoon tea and fun sessions. These take place at the Chiswick Catholic Centre, 2 Dukes Ave on the last Weds of every month, between 2.30pm-4.30pm.The next event will take place on Weds the 25th of October. There will be a classic afternoon tea with music & a guest speaker. This is an opportunity for friendship, discussions, advice and fun! Please call us on 020 8746 1213 or visit us at our office, 186 Sutton Court Road, Chiswick.

WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL CHOIR SCHOOL - Every September up to six boys join Westminster Cathedral Choir School in Year 4 as choristers. Becoming a chorister offers a boy the opportunity to sing in central London and on tour internationally in one of the world's famous choirs, and to join a thriving, inclusive, independent school for boys, age 4 – 13. All choristers receive generous scholarships supplemented by means-tested bursaries worth up to 100% of fees. The next Zoom session is 22nd Nov at 6.30pm. Contact Lucy Auger for a link: <u>lauger@choirschool.com</u>

ST MARY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL OPEN MORNINGS -These events are designed for parents and prospective pupils to attend. They will run from 9.30am – 10.30am on the following days: Friday 17th November and Friday 8th December. Please contact the school office if you would like to attend on 0208 994 5606 or email office@stmarys.hounslow.sch.uk

ST MARY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS FAIR -St. Mary's Catholic Primary School, Chiswick is gearing up for Christmas and their legendary Christmas Raffle, which will take place at the annual Christmas Fair on Saturday, 2nd December. If you own a local business and can offer your support, or would like to donate a prize for the raffle, please contact the PTA via email, *pta stmarys@yahoo.com*. Thank you in advance for your kindness! **A DAY WITH MARY – on Sunday 28**th **Oct** at Westminster Cathedral from at 9.45am – 5.30pm. For more info see the leaflets at the back of the church.

TEA AND COFFEE MORNINGS – The Tuesday post-Mass coffee morning is at 10.30am in the St. Edward's Room and on Friday at 10.30am in the Parish Centre. All are very welcome!

Collections for last weekend: OLOG & St Edward's and St Dunstan's Chiswick 15/10/23 - £4234.36 Grove Park 15/10/23 - £197.35 Thank you for your generosity.